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JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong June 7, 1887. 754

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Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1458

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JULY 5, 1887.

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The China Review contains less variety than most, but the few articles are very interesting. The opening paper by Mr. Herbert A. Giles on "The New Testament in Chinese" treats of a question that must necessarily be of great importance in the eyes of all missionaries. . . . Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journeys in Szechuan" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balmer contributes a paper of some length entitled "The Empress Cheng, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with general interest by students of Chinese history. A few additional notices of New Books and a number of Notes and Queries, one of which "On Chinese Oaths in Western Books" might appropriately have been placed under a separate heading, complete the number."—*H.K. Daily Press*.

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, some what similar to that which has been filled in India by the Calcutta Review. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and natural development, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable, and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the Review by papers highly creditable to their respective authors.

Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and grace of style; and we are sorry to observe that the Chinese law-student of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. G. Bourne, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by his literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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Intimations.

The Overland China Mail,

A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE HOME MAIL,

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Requirements of each English and French Reader.

STEAMER, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

is deemed of special importance that as far as possible of news should be prepared, and it was decided to issue it weekly.

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TOMIQUE, British ship, Captain S. Davis—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 5, 1887.

TRADEWELL, French steamer, 3,533, Lartigue, Shanghai, 2 Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

JULY 5.—

BRAUNSWEDEL, German steamer, 2,150, L. Störner, Shanghai July 3, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DARKE, British steamer, 161, J. Fowler, Haiphong July 3, General.—A. R. MARTY.

SOOCHEW, British steamer, 313, J. Rowin, Hoowong July 3, General—KWONG LEE LOONG.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

A CHINAMAN, named Fung To, was charged under the new Opium Ordinance, at the Police Court to-day, with being in possession of less than one cwt. of raw opium, namely 4 tons, on the 4th inst., at Yau-mati. He was fined \$10 and the opium was forfeited.

A KRIEFT was current at Monkai in Tonkin that Mr. Wolf, merchant at Trangoen, had been drowned while crossing from Monkai to Haiphong. No exact news has been received, but it would appear that he left Trangoen on the 11th June on a junk with a considerable amount of money in his possession, and since then had not been seen or heard of.

An "express" was sent out this morning by Mr. W. Durbin, superintendent of the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph lines between Nagasaki and Shimonesaki are totally interrupted by fire, and that, in consequence, messages to any Japanese station beyond Nagasaki will be delayed.

The *Hupao* says that on the 15th ult., some persons from Peking brought an unordained animal to Canton, which has a red head resembling turkey, with green feathers, and its body is like that of a goat, with black wool. It has no tongue, and its food consists of bananas, which it swallows without chewing. This strange creature is exhibited at the yamen of the Provincial Judge (at Canton,) and ten cash are charged to see it.

PRIVATE advices from Korea are to the effect that Yuen, the Chinese Resident at Seoul—who is now said to be very popular with the Koreans and has much improved in manner and bearing since the Russian scare—is not to be withdrawn for the present. The new port to be opened in the spring will probably be Ping Yang. Colonel Denby and Commissioner Stripling, who were on a trip to the North, b. v. it, is said, recommended that the coal mines should be worked, and machinery for that purpose is believed to have been ordered from the United States. The Koreans are reported to have purchased the *Signal*, the old craft formerly trading between Hong-kong and Hui-ho.

The N. C. Daily News says news is to hand by wire of the sale of about half the cargo of the *Moyune* on Monday. Prices were the lowest ever known for the first news, and about two-pence a pound, or nearly 25 per cent., under last year's opening rates for Shantams, which, costing by the book 7d., were sold yesterday at 6d. Medium teas are scraping out in some cases, or giving small losses, while the few fine teas sold are said to be covering cost. This is a very melancholy result when it is remembered—that there was no more new tea to arrive for at least a week, that the crop generally is going forward much more slowly than usual, and it must be known at home that second-crop tea has not yet made its appearance at Hankow to any extent. The China tea trade, say the pessimists, is finished; the warnings that have been reiterated year after year have been justified at last.

In the article from the N. C. D. News on the Public Health Bill (which we reproduce elsewhere) the action of the Postponers is naturally misconstrued. The signatures of the Position for Postponement are evidently regarded as obstructionists who, on account of the threatened interference with vested interests, are unreasonably objecting to the progress of necessary sanitary reform. The Government, according to our contemporary, are fighting the battle of the health of the public against the rights of property, &c., &c. Language of this kind is, as we have said, very natural on the part of a public writer living at a distance from the Colony whose knowledge of the circumstance is necessarily limited; and it is a pity, as has been previously pointed out, that the Postponers did not give more prominence to the two or three clauses which were clearly objected to, and, while asking that those should be postponed or passed with a suspensive clause, urge the passing of the body of the Bill. Nevertheless, it will probably amuse our readers to note the manner in which the writer in our Northern contemporary treats the subject. General Cameron is apparently playing the part of Saint George, and the Dragon (i.e., the community of Hongkong) is getting what it richly deserves. There is no bothering here about the details of the Public Health Bill—no mention of the "practicality" of carrying into effect the clauses against which this community are almost to a man determinedly opposed. The Hongkongites are setting up their backs, as usual; the Governor is determined to have his way in spite of the foolish objections advanced by the Colonists—it is a repetition of the old struggle of Reform versus Property. So moralizes our contemporary, and he even goes so far as to sign for a little of the benevolent despotism of the Camonian order to be applied to the sanitary arrangements of the Model Settlement. This latter wish may or may not be cut of place; but if the Shanghai morning paper had waited to discover the merits of the case, and thus been in a position to know the real objections made to the Bill, his remarks would have carried much more weight than they possibly can under the present conditions. Let us live in hope, and the leading journal of the North may understand us better as we go on.

SINCE Oagli's Italian Opera Company, consisting of 20 first class artists, arrived at Singapore on the 26th Inst. from Bombay by the *Bisogni*.

The police are continuing their prosecution against masters of steam-launches who allow their steam-launches to lie alongside public wharves. The master of the Hongkong Hotel steam-launch was charged to-day with allowing a steam-launch to lie alongside Peddar's Wharf. An Indian Constable said he saw the launch along side the Wharf at 6.20 a.m. yesterday. After the boat had been alongside for about 10 minutes he told the man in charge to move off. Another Constable came up and spoke to the man, and no notice was again taken. The man in charge had evidently told the men on board not to speak with the Police. The launch remained alongside until 7.10 a.m., and was causing considerable obstruction. He had received strict orders not to allow launches to remain alongside in this way. Defendant stated that at 7 a.m. or a little later he wanted the launch to meet the French mail from Yokohama. He went and returned with passengers and luggage and kept the launch alongside while the luggage was being taken out. He knew nothing of what occurred before he went on board. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

COMING events cast their shadows before, is almost too trite a quotation to be repeated, but it is so readily suggested by an incident that occurred in the French Chamber of Deputies before the great fire at the Opera Comique that it comes irresistibly to the lips. On the 13th May, that is about a fortnight before the fire, a deputy named Stenacker, who is a bit of a character and has earned for himself the name of perpetual candidate for the Ministry of Mails and Telegraphs, put a question in the Chamber with regard to the construction of the Opera Comique theatre and its means of exit in case of a fire. He said there were the greatest guarantees of safety for the public, but the same could not be said as to the provisions for the personnel of the theatre. If a fire broke out while everybody was on the stage the personnel would only have a tortuous staircase to escape by; and if the fire broke out while the artists were in their rooms the disaster would be terrible. The deputies were more inclined to baffle their colleague than to treat the matter seriously; but M. Barthelot, the Minister of Education and Fine Art, said the matter was a serious one and that he had already been studying the remedy. He freely admitted that the means of exit from the stage were inadequate, and then he added these now-almost-prophetic words:—"I repeat that the situation is most dangerous; and it is positive that if fire broke out at the Opera Comique—and that eventually is almost certain in a given time (various exclamations)—I beg your pardon there is no theatre which has not taken fire and even several times in the course of a century. It is a fact of statistics. Consequently we may consider it as probable that the Opera Comique will take fire (laughter). I hope, however, that it will be at the most distant date possible. In the present condition of matters if a fire broke out during the course of a representation it would be a catastrophe. It is certain that one would be liable to see several hundred people perish." M. Barthelot then went on to say that he had been considering a plan to remedy the defect, but that it would cost three million odd francs and he would have to consult the Minister of Finance before laying his plan before the Chamber. *La France*, from which we translate this episode adds: "Everybody who knows the mass in which the Minister of Finance is in will conceive the look he will give when he is asked for the bagatelle of the Opera Comique will take fire (laughter). I hope, however, that it will be at the most distant date possible. In the present condition of matters if a fire broke out during the course of a representation it would be a catastrophe. It is certain that one would be liable to see several hundred people perish."

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THE *Shinpan* states that since Prince Chin has been instructed by the Empress Dowager, to make preparations for the Emperor's marriage, His Highness, in company with the Board of Revenue and the Privy Council, have investigated the accounts connected with the marriage of the Emperor and the Empress, and found that Tis. 6,000,000 of wrens, Imperial robes, silk, satin, pearls, etc., were given as presents, and that 3/10 of the Imperial Maritime Customs revenue were appropriated for the payment of the amount. The necessary articles were provided by the Canton, Yungchow, Kinkiang, and Shang-hai Customs. The Privy Council also submitted to Prince Chin a list of other expenditures in connection with the Emperor Thung-chih's marriage, which amounted to about Tis. 5,000,000.

A CORRESPONDENT of the N. C. Daily News writes as follows:—

In the Chinese Times a notice appeared regarding a speech said to have been made by H.E. The Marquis Taeng, at a luncheon given by the Missionaries after the laying of the foundation stone of the new Cathedral. This notice was copied into the columns of the Daily News, and the statement was amplified and certain inferences drawn from it. In the issue of the Queen of the 13th June, it is stated that the Marquis reported to have said that he had given the protection to missionaries which he had extended to them heretofore, while it is added that it is quite opposed to Chinese policy on the subject. The speech was delivered in a French Cathedral, before a French Minister and French Missionaries and while referring to them was mainly intended to be complimentary. It is not to be for a moment supposed that it will alter, or that it was intended to indicate any wish to alter Chinese policy in this respect. And it is difficult to see what connexion it had with the Viceroy, or any of the other differences drawn from it in the article in question.

HIS HIGHNESS THE RUM OF BHOPAL HAS SUBSCRIBED RE. 10,000 TO THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

THE SHANGHAI COURIER says:—We find it stated that the first prize of the Manila Lottery, \$500,000, has been won by a party Magistrate at Swatow.

THE HUPAO says that the Tonkin frontier treaty which has been under negotiation so long has recently been concluded. Its provisions have not been made public, but we believe, Paklung is given to China.—*China Times*.

THE HUPAO says that the Szechuan officials have received a telegram from Peking, stating that a Mandarin, named Heng Yung-hing, who had obtained the highest literary degree in the Empire, has been appointed Chinese Minister to Germany.

THE VICEROY HAS POSITIONED THE THRONE FORWARD TO THE SURGEON OF THE ITALIAN GUNNERS, AND ATTENDED SEVERAL OF THE CHINESE WEDDINGS AT NEGRAS, WITH SUCCESSFUL RESULTS. THE VICEROY PROPOSES AN ORDER OF THIRD CLASS, THIRD GRADE, AS A DECORATION FOR THE DOCTORS.—*China Times*.

THE SHANGHAI COURIER says that a very injurious hail storm is reported in the Shan-tung Province, Chia-wo District.

A new public office has just been established in Canton with a view to dealing more effectively with the ever-recurring plagues in that neighbourhood.

THE *Hu Pao* says that His Holiness, the Pope, has conferred an order upon Mr. Detring for his noble and impartial services in connection with the transfer of the Peking Cathedral site.

THE IMPERIAL POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT OF JAPAN NOTIFY THAT FROM THE 1st PROXIMO, THE RATE FOR FOREIGN TELEGRAMS, WITHIN THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, WILL BE REDUCED TO 5 CENTS PER WORD, THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A WORD BEING FIXED AT 10 LETTERS. A CHARGE OF 25 SEN WILL BE MADE FOR 5 WORDS OR FRACTION OF 5 WORDS.—*Rising Sun*.

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THE N. C. DAILY NEWS says:—ON MONDAY EVENING (27th ULTO) A FOREIGNER HIRED A JIRIASHI TO CONVEY HIM A SHORT DISTANCE, AND ON ARRIVING AT HIS DESTINATION DISCHARGED THE VEHICLE AND ENTERED A HOUSE. SUDDENLY REMEMBERING HE HAD LEFT A PACKET OF DOLLARS ON THE SEAT HE IMMEDIATELY AGLENTED FOR IT. IT WAS FOUND TO BE MISSING. HE TALKED TO THE JIRIASHI, WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD LOST THE PACKET, AND LIFTED THE CUSHION OF THE SEAT AND FOUND THE PACKET OF DOLLARS, TO THE SURPRISE OF THOSE WHO WITNESSED THIS HONEST ACTION. THE SAILOR, WHO WAS ANGLED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, WAS SO PLEASED WITH THE TURN OF EVENTS THAT HE GAVE THE SAILOR A BOTTLE OF WHISKY AS A REWARD.

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PRINCE CH'UN AND THE SEA FAIRIES.

Prince Ch'un, journeying by the River to Wei-hui-wi, made many notes which he recorded, as fortunate as to see a mirage. He describes his sensations at the sight and the reflections which it gave rise to in the following lines:—

"I have had much about the mirage,
But I never read of it without a certain doubt,
With a shadow, like a dream. On the very day I will
see the mirage again,
Houses and towns come and go,
Mountains and trees appear and disappear;
Ah me! life is just as dust."

That is the translation of the stanza which we recently gave in the rude English language, but a possible reading of the penultimate line in the more subtle tongue of China is:—

"It seems to me that the spirits [or god] are
whispering from afar."

This may make somewhat clearer the following account of the excitement, which we are told, has existed for some time among officials in the north. The story goes that the Prince stood watching the cloud-spectre, power in the air, he saw wonderful moving among them and standing in various attitudes. The Prince applied to a foreign councillor and friend, who accompanied him, and who, with the readings which Western knowledge furnished him, at once replied that they were Sea Fairies (this being the nearest foreign words to the Chinese term) who had left their august abodes to pay their homage to the Father of the Emperor of China, and through him to the Hwang-i, the Son of Heaven, the Sacred Sovereign. The Prince was naturally pleased, and his satisfaction became greater when the foreigner offered further explanation to the general notions of the Sea Fairies and their mode of existence, explained that in the whole history of the world, no instance of the Sea Fairies coming into the upper air for the purpose of worship had been recorded. Turning to H. E. Li Hung-chang the Prince asked if this was so. The Viceroy of Chihli and the Senior Guardian of the Throne promptly corroborated all that the foreigner had said of Sea Fairies, and especially his historical facts. To say that the Prince was gratified is but faintly to describe the mingled feelings of ancestral, dynastic and personal pride, and the humility with which the occasion and the obsequies of the submarine good people filled him. He referred to his cabin to meditate, and did so, with the happy results which the readers of his poems have advised.

Returning in due course to Peking, the Prince found the Empress full of Imperial solicitude and wondrous curiosity. He described to her all he had seen, his journey, the forts, the arsenals, the men-of-war, the prodigious evidences of the might of China, and of the valor of her warriors and the virtue of her children. The curious ways of foreigners were not for gotten, and the Empress was graciously pleased to show some interest in them. She heard and still hungered to hear more. Then the Prince reverently unfolded to her the mirror of the mirror and the honor of the Sea Fairies. Nothing could have delighted her like this; nothing had been excited so greatly her Imperial imagination. It became a matter of absolute and pressing necessity that she should go down into the sea in a ship and behold the Sea Fairies for herself. The Prince must look to it immediately; fitting preparations should be made at once. Li Hung-chang, in whose hands the management of Foreign Affairs is placed, must arrange with the Sea Fairies, and without difficulty. If any foreign aid was required, the higher elevation of our people above the rest of the world, and the surpassing knowledge of everything on earth and of the waters under the earth had been often manifested and never so wonderfully as on the appearance of the mirror. Not only had he rightly interpreted these appearances in the Upper Air, but he had been of use last year in wiping away the absurd pretensions of the French.

There was instant consternation among the great Boards and officials in the capital. The Board of Revenue quaked terribly as it had made calculations of the expenditure which would be required for the imperial progress to the abodes of the Sea Fairies, which reduced the French to an almost impotent condition. The Board of Revenue, of course, calculated the cost of a thousand tons of fuel if the Empress leaves Peking on this complimentary visit to the Sea Fairies, the officials quavered. Who man appaid themselves diligently to search the Ancient Books. In vain; no precedent was found in them of an Imperial visit to the Sea Fairies. Various representations were made to Her Majesty, in every form of respectful prostration, but with no effect. Two awful thoughts lay on the mind of every Councillor: Her Majesty would go to sea, and it would cost five millions of taels if she left Peking on such a journey. A multitude of officials have since been going about the North with their eyes staring out of their heads at this awful emergency, the effects of which are showing themselves in similar way among their class to the uttermost ends of the empire. Meanwhile, Chinese statesmanship has shown itself not to be without resources. It has been explained to the Empress that every thing which was so chargeably attained by Prince Ch'un on the sea can be more happily realized on the great lake in the Palace grounds. It has therefore been cleaned out; a large medal of the *Huan* has been placed on it or will be, models of men-of-war of all descriptions down to torpedo boats have been made, and everything is being put ready for Her Majesty's inspection of the fleet of the Sea Fairies, on the water of the lake. All this will cost only a few hundred thousand taels, which is satisfactory, so far, but unfortunately Her Majesty continues to insist on going to sea, and Ministers and Boards are still in a terrible way when they think of this and the five million of taels.

This is the strange story which we have heard from the north. It is hard to believe, considering how the ladies of the Imperial family seclude themselves, and what a complete breaking down of reversed custom it implies. But we are assured it is true, and that it is not the means certain that Her Majesty will not take the trip to sea. And with this caution, still open, the higher Officials have, it is said, been considering how she and her retinue could be conveyed to where Sea Fairies arose from the deep bosom of the Ocean. If a voyage is made, it has been angosted in Tientsin that a small steamer offers the only suitable vessel on which an illustrious personage can travel.

W. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 4, 1887. • 1263

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PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COCHINCHINE, MEDICHERIN,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, KOEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK
SEA PORTS,
MARSEILLES AND PORTS
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
LONDON, BAYRE, BORDEAUX,
DUNKIRK AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th of July, 1887, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *TAIAOUDDY*, Commander LAROCHE, with MAIDS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

ALL PARCEL PACKAGES SHOULD BE MARKED TO ADDRESS FULL, AND SOME WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE AGENT'S OFFICE, UNTIL 6 P.M. ON THE DAY OF DEPARTURE.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, APPLY AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE.

G. M. CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, June 24, 1887. 1202

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SEA & BALTO PORTS;

ALSO
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BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—*Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places, in
Russia, on the 26th July, and S.S. PARTHIA,*
on the 19th August.

THESE STEAMERS, FORMERLY IN THE CUFARD
SERVICE, LATELY RECEIVED NEW ENGINES AND
HOISTERS, AND CAN MAINTAIN A SPEED AT SEA OF
FROM 13 TO 14 KNOTS.

CONNECTION WILL BE MADE AT YOKOHAMA
WITH STEAMERS FROM SHANGHAI AND JAPAN
PORTS, AND AT VANCOUVER WITH SAN FRANCISCO
BY THE REGULAR STEAMERS OF THE
PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE ATTENTION OF THROUGH PASSENGERS IS
DRAWN DOWN TO THE FAIR OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC
LINE, WHICH IS A SWIFT, ELEGANT AND
SPLENDIDLY EQUIPPED LINE EVER CONSTRUCTED
ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT, AND SPECIALLY
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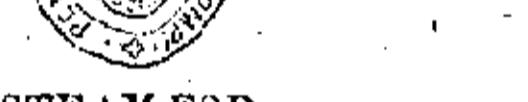
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STATES POINTS SHOULD BE MADE OUT IN QUADRIPLICATE,
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B.C., AND SENT TO US.

FREIGHT WILL BE RECEIVED ON BOARD UNTIL
4 P.M. ON THE 11TH JULY.

ALL PARCELS MUST BE SENT TO OUR OFFICE
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Hongkong, June 11, 1887. 1105



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, BESILEES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE,
AND LONDON;

ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—*Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK,
AND BOSTON.*

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVY COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP
MALVI, Captain G. W. ATKINSON, will
arrive at this port on the 20th July, and
from this for LONGON direct, via SUEZ
CANAL, and usual ports of call, on
THURSDAY, 14th July, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcel and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until Noon on the day of sailing.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS REGARDING
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, APPLY AT THE
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVY
COMPANY'S OFFICE, HONGKONG.

THE TENANTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE
REQUIRED TO BE STATED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT.

SHIPPERS ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO
NOTE THE WORDS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
COMPANY'S BLACK BILL OF LADING.

PASSAGERS DESIROUS OF INSURING THEIR BAGGAGE
CAN DO SO ON APPLICATION AT THE COMPANY'S OFFICE.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, July 4, 1887. • 1263

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM-LUNCH
MORNING STAR

RUNS DAILY AS A FERRY BOAT BETWEEN
PEDDAR'S WHARF AND TAI-FA-TAI, THE FOLLOWING HOURS:—THE TIME TABLE WILL
TAKE EFFECT FROM THE 15TH APRIL, 1887.

WEIGHTS. DATES. SUNDAYS.

6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 8.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.50 " 9.00 " 8.00 " 10.15 "

9.40 " 10.15 " 10.30 " 10.45 "

10.39 " 12.30 P.M. 11.00 " NOON.

12.45 P.M. 1.00 " 12.30 P.M. 1.15 P.M.

2.20 " 2.30 " 1.50 " 2.00 "

3.30 " 3.00 " 2.30 " 3.30 "

4.15 " 4.30 " 3.30 " 4.30 "

4.50 " 5.10 " 4.50 " 5.00 "

5.25 " 5.40 " 5.25 " 5.40 "

5.55 " 6.15 " 5.55 " 6.15 "

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7.15 "

* There will be no launch on Monday and Friday, on account of sealing.

The above Time Table will be strictly adhered to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, due notice will be given of any stoppage.

Price 50 Cents.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE Steamship *GAELIC* will be
despatched for San Francisco, via
Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 12th
July, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to

address full, and some will be received

at the *Overland*'s Office, until 6 p.m. on

the day previous to sailing.

RETURNS PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco, for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare; if re-embarking after one year, a discount of 5% will be allowed.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

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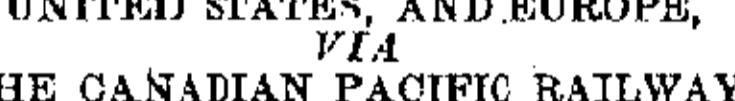
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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF
NEW YORK* will be despatched for
San Francisco, via Yokohama, on
SATURDAY, the 23rd July, at 3 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for
transhipment to other Japanese
ports, to San Francisco, to Adelphi and
London Cities of the United States, via
Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad,
and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's
agents.

Similar tickets showing themselves
similar way among the ends of the empire.

Meanwhile, Chinese statesmanship has shown

itself not to be without resources. It has been explained to the Empress that every thing which was so chargeably attained by Prince Ch'un on the sea can be more happily realized on the great lake in the Palace grounds. It has therefore been cleaned out; a large medal of the *Huan* has been placed on it or will be, models of men-of-war of all descriptions down to torpedo boats have been made, and everything is being put ready for Her Majesty's inspection of the fleet of the Sea Fairies, on the water of the lake. All this will cost only a few hundred thousand taels, which is satisfactory, so far, but unfortunately Her Majesty continues to insist on going to sea, and Ministers and Boards are still in a terrible way when they think of this and the five million of taels.

This is the strange story which we have

heard from the north. It is hard to believe,

considering how the ladies of the Imperial

family seclude themselves, and what a

complete breaking down of reversed custom

it implies. But we are assured it is true, and that it is not the means certain that

Her Majesty will not take the trip to sea.

And with this caution, still open